

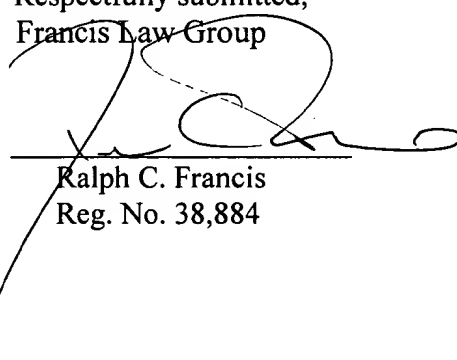
II. REMARKS

Claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, 17, 23-27 and 30 in the above-referenced patent application are now pending. Claims 23-27 and 30 have been allowed.

In response to the August 25, 2004 Office communication, Applicants have canceled Claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 16 and 17.

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